



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.6. Weather conditions were a mix of rain with heat and humidity. Some areas are still dry. Farming activities for the week included applying herbicide and fungicide applications to peanuts, making hay, and harvesting fruit.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/22/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	6	32	39	23
Subsoil	3	23	52	22

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 07/22/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	9	28	49	13
Cotton	1	4	16	77	2
Hay, Alfalfa	-	5	43	48	4
Hay, Other	2	17	45	34	2
Peanuts	1	2	14	79	4
Soybeans	1	5	27	60	7
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	27	70	2
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	5	67	20	8
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	7	29	50	14
Pasture	2	20	38	35	5

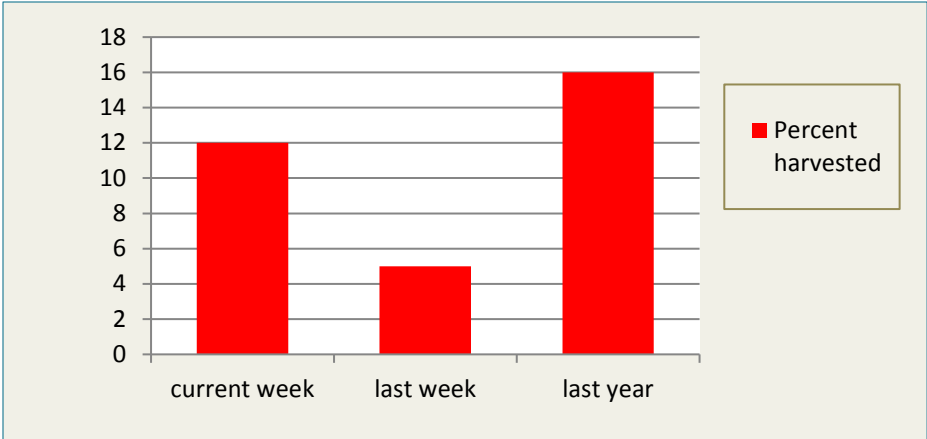
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/22/18

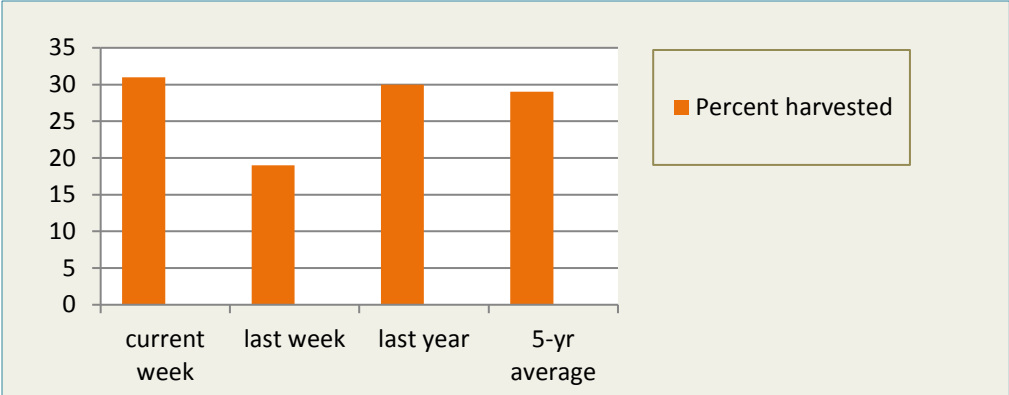
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	12	5	16	-
Peaches harvested	31	19	30	29
Corn silking	78	70	81	75
Corn dough	53	36	48	-
Corn dented	14	5	15	-
Cotton squaring	86	81	92	87
Cotton setting bolls	33	12	38	31
Peanuts pegging	60	45	64	56
Potatoes, Summer harvested	67	52	69	62
Soybeans emerged	96	91	-	-
Soybeans blooming	30	18	28	23
Soybeans setting pods	15	7	15	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	2	-	-	-

- Represents data not available or zero.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 07/22/18



PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 07/22/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 22, 2018

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to July 21	Mar. 1 to July 21 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	88	65	93	58	76	1	2243	2017	0.03	6.72	-0.06	31.57	6.72
Norfolk	87	71	94	68	79	0	2517	2209	1.72	9.25	2.14	29.46	3.85
Richmond	87	69	93	66	78	0	2434	2202	1.47	16.42	9.88	38.53	14.30
Roanoke	87	67	92	60	77	1	2339	NA	0.20	4.91	-1.46	29.14	4.86
Wash/Dulles	86	65	94	61	75	-1	2078	NA	6.13	11.15	4.67	32.20	8.87

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

More seasonable temperatures, but still dry. Some second cutting hay made. Corn crop is highly variable; silks are turning brown in some fields, while the corn is only 4 inches tall in other fields.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Crop conditions deteriorated this week with continued dry conditions. Rain Sunday night at the end of the week with more rain in the forecast has farmer's hopeful crop conditions will improve.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Conditions for pasture and crops continue to dry out. Rain needed to spur continued growth. Cool season forages browning and going dormant.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Some corn began to show stress this week, but recent rain has been helpful.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Recent rainfall over the last 4 days has delivered between 5 and 6 inches in most areas, and has brought corn and soybeans back to life.

CHESTERFIELD/GOOCHLAND (Charlotte Maxwell)

We are finally getting some rain. Corn production is behind.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

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SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Conditions are drier than normal. Needed rain fell over the weekend.

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

All of the county received much needed rain this week, though not evenly distributed.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Late beans are still struggling in fields not hit by passing rain this week.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Frequent thunderstorms are benefiting most crops this time of year. Soybean planting is finishing this week with a lot of acres planted later than in a typical year.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Some spotty showers and storms were appreciated this week, but moisture was short lived due to heat and humidity. Tobacco is being pulled and cured. Corn is being scouted for corn earworm. We could use some rain.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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